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#### Forest Lieu Selection No. 107.

United States Land Office / Tucson, Arizona, July 14, 1900. |
Notice is hereby given that John H. Slaughter, whose postoffice address is Bisbee, Cochise county, Arizona, has made application to select under the Act of June 4, 1897, (30 Stat., 36) the following described tracts:

1897, (30 Stat., 36) the following described tracts:First—40 acres, unsurveyed, on west slope Stein's Peak, in Guadalupe canyon, Cochise county Arizona, in what will be T. 24-S., R. 32-E., G. and S. R. B. and M. The initial point marking center of tract is a waste pipe in center of small rock and cement dam in a small side canyon leading northwest into Guadalupe canyon, from which initial point monument No. 73 of boundary between U. S. and Mexico bears S. 80 deg. 26 min., W. 3786 feet.

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Fun Taft, Prop.

Leaves Bisbee on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Second—40 acres, unsurveyed, on west slope Stein's Peak, Cochise county, Arizona, in what will be T. 23-S., R. 32-E. G. and S. R. B. and M. The initial point marking center of tract is a cross about 8 in. long between letters S chiseled on a cement rock, situate on the break of flat above bottom of Sycamore creek, about one mile up creek from house known as "Old Smith Ranche." From said initial point white oak tree 2 ft. diameter bears N. 26 deg. 44 min., E. 2 ft., diameter bears N. 26 deg. 44 min., E. 26 ft. Three conical hills bear as follows:

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E. 28 deg. 8 about 4 mile, S. 48 deg. 45 min. Arrives Bisbee Tuesday, Thursday

N. 68 deg. E. about ½ mile, S. 48 deg. 45 min.

W. about ½ mile, S. 58 deg. 30 min. W. about

Goes through from Bisbee to Naco
one mile. Locating monuncut of tooks 3½

ft, base, 2½ ft, high on summit hill overlookft, base, 2% ft, high on summit hill overlook-ing San Bernardino valley bears S. 36 deg. 14 min., W. 3877 ft. From said locating monu-ment San Jose Peak, Sonora, Mexico, bears S. 77 deg. 35 min., W. about 60 miles. Monu-ment No. 77 of boundary between U. S. and Mexico bears S. 57 deg. 8 min., W. approxi-mately 12 miles.

Within the next thirty days from the date of the first subjection of this parties overless.

Within the next thirty days from the date of the first publication of this notice protests or contests against the selection on the ground that the land described, or any portion thereof; is more valuable for its minerals than agricultural purposes, will be received and noted for report to the Commissioner of the General Land Offlice.

MILTON R. MOORE, Register,
First publication July 17 1900.

MINING APPLICATION NO. 718.

Survey No. 1479. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, BISBEE—NACO
TAGE OND TRANSFER CO.

W. M. LIGGETT, Proprietor rives at Bisbee at 11 a. m. Leaves one hour after arrival of A. & S. E., train. aves Naco at 9:30 a. m.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, 1 TUCSON, ARIZONA, August 11, 1990.

Notice is hereby given that Thomas Higgins, whose post office address is Bisbee, Cochise county, Arizona territory, has this day filed his application for a patent for 1500 linear feet of the Magenta mine or vein, bearing copper and other metals, with surface ground 600 feet in width, situated in Warren mining district, county of Cochise and Territory of Arizona, and designated by the field notes and official plat on tile in this office as survey No. 1479, approximately in township No. 23 south, range 24 east (unsurveyed), of Gila and Sait River base and meridian, Arizona, said survey No. 1479 being described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at cor. No. 1, the no. corner of

E. train.

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Meridian, Arizona, said survey No. 1479 being described as follows, to-wit:
Beginning at cor. No. 1, the ne. corner of location, identical with cor. No. 1 William A. lode No. 1394, and corners No. 4 and 1 of the Atlas and Alabama lodes respectively, No. 1993, a pine post scribed 1-1479-M.L. whence U. S. mineral monument No. 4 bears no deg. 54 min. w. 300 feet to n. end center, 600 feet, same bearing to cor. No. 2, a pine post scribed 2-1479-M.L.; thence s. 17 deg. 35 min. e. 250. 36 feet to cor. No. 3, a pine post scribed 3-1479-M.L.; thence s. 17 deg. 38 min. e. 96.16 feet to cor. No. 5, a pine post scribed 6-1479-M.L.; thence s. 17 deg. 38 min. e. 1018 11 feet to cor. No. 6, the sw. cor., a pine post scribed 6-1479-M.L.; thence n. 17 deg. 38 min. e. 600 feet to cor. No. 7, the se. cor., a pine post scribed 7-1479-M.L.; thence n. 17 deg. 38 min. w. 1500 feet to cor. No. 1, the place of beginning.

Magnetic variation II deg. 45 min. east, containing 20 33 acres.

The location, identical with cor. No. 1, the place of beginning.

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The location, identical with cor. No. 1, the new n. 17 deg. 38 min. e. 260 feet. to cor. No. 3, a pine post scribed 6-1479-M.L.; thence s. 17 deg. 38 min. e. 250.38 feet to cor. No. 5, a pine post scribed 6-1479-M.L.; thence s. 17 deg. 38 min. e. 260 feet to cor. No. 6, the sw. cor., a pine post scribed 6-1479-M.L.; thence n. 18 deg. 10 min. e. 260 feet to cor. No. 6, the sw. cor., a pine post scribed 6-1479-M.L.; thence n.

#### MINING APPLICATION NO. 719.

Survey No. 1478,

United States Land Office, 
Tucson, Arizona, August II, 1900,
Notice is hereby given that Thomas Higgins and F. C. Fenner, whose post office address is Bisbee, Cochise county, Arizona Territory, have this day filed their application for a patent for 1400 linear feet of the Del Norte mine or vein, bearing copper and other metals, with surface ground 500 feet in width, situated in Warren mining district, county of Cochise and Territory of Arizona, and designated by the field notes and official plat on file in this office as survey No. 1478, approximately in township No. 23 south, range No 24 east (unsurveyed) of Gila and Salt River base and meridian, Arizona, said survey No 1478 being described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at cor. No. I, the NW, cor., identical with the NE, cor. Auburn lode and on the s, side line Galena claim at s. 65 deg. 27 min, 30 sec. w. 427,60 feet from the se, cor. of that claim, a pine post scribed 1-1478-D.N.L.,

wheree original location hears in 75 deg. 10 min. w. 42.60 feet, and U. S. mineral meant No. 4.80 feet, and u. S. deg. 47 min. w. 239 feet; thence s. 19 deg. 07 min. e. 274,00 feet to e. end center a dubrin lode, 546,56 feet, same bearing to cor. No. 2. identical with the se. and ne. corners of the Anburn and Dei Marca and Harrison lodes respectively, a pine post scribed 5-185.00 feet to cor. No. 3. identical with the se. and ne. corners of the Dei Mar and Harrison lodes respectively, a pine post scribed 3-185.00 N. L.; thence s. 19 deg. 11 min. e. 284.00 feet to cor. No. 4. the sw. cor. Higgrins lode, an iron pin set in bed rock, chiselee 4-1478-D. N. L.; thence n. 71 deg. 31 min. e. 20.80 feet to n. end center Higglins lode 239.40 feet, same bearing to cor. No. 5. a discussion loears in 7 deg. 20 min. e. 114.00 feet to cor. No. 5. a district, Cochise county, Arizona, has mane application for patent for 1500 linear feet of the Swepstake lode mining claim, index of the swepstake lode mining claim being of the swepstake lode s

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#### MINING APPLICATION NO. 720.

Survey No. 1331.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE Tuoson, Arizona, August 15, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in pursuunder the laws of the state of New York, by its agent, Walter Douglas, ises hereby sought to be patented be-whose post office address is Bisbee, ing bounded as follows to-wit: On the Cochise county, Arizona, has made application for patent for 1331 linear feet Tailed Deer" lode, the Copper Queen of the Morning Star lode mining claim Consolidated Mining company claim-situated on unsurveyed land, Warren ant. There are no other known ad-Mining District, Cochise county, Territory of Arizona, as described by the official plat herewith posted, and by the field notes on file in the office of the Register of the United States Land Office Gila Land District Tucson, Ari Office, Gila Land District, Tucson, Ari

zona, as follows, to-wit: Magnetic variation for all coarses 12

deg. 00 min. east.

Beginning at corner No. 1, ineutical with corner No. 2 survey No. 354 Mammoth lode, and with corner No. 2 survey 861 New York lode, a pine post in mound of stones scribed Mammoth M C. No. 2, 2-861 N. Y. and 1-1331, whence U. S. Mineral Monument No. 4 bears north 43 deg. 10 min west 1905 feet; thence north 66 deg. 54 min. east on line 2-3 survey No. 861 New York lode 48.5 feet to corner No. 2, identical with corner No. 4 survey No. 1056 Little New in mound of stones scribed 4-105c L. N. Y. and 2-1331; thence south 41 deg. 49 1. and 2-1331; thence south 41 deg. 45 ty, Arizona territory, have this day min, east on line 4-3 survey No. 1056 filed their application for a patent for Little New York lode 4735 feet to core. Little New York lode 473.5 feet to corner No. 3, a pine post in mound of stones scribed 3-1056 L. N. Y., 1-1347 and 3-1331; thence sonth 33 deg. 37 min east on line 1-6 survey 1347 Virginia lode 685.5 feet, corner No. 6 survey No. 1347 Virginia lode; 846.5 feet to corner No. 4, a pine post in mound of stones scribed 4-1331; thence south 50 deg. 39 min, west 278.2 feet to corner No. 5, a pine post in mound of stones scribed 5-1331; thence south 64 deg. 10 min. west on line 5-3 survey No. 1026 Hardscrable lode, 254.9 feet to corner No. 6, a pine post in mound of stones scribed H. S. M. No. 3 and 6-1331; thence north 17 deg. 47 min. west 467.3 feet to corner No. 7, a pine post in mound of stones scribed 7-1331; thence south 68 deg. 42 min, west 65 feet to corner No. 8, a pine post in mound of stones scribed 8-1331; thence north 47 deg. 21 min, west 611 feet to corner No. 9, a pine post in mound of stones scribed 9-1331; thence north 48 deg. 04 min. west 212 feet to corner No. 10, a pine post in mound of stones scribed 10 1331; thence north 50 deg. 39 min. east 550.9 feet to corner No. 1, the place

of beginning. Total and net area of the Morning Star lode, 15.62 acres. The said mining claim being of record ir the office of the Recorder of

Cochis' county, at Tombstone, in the county and territory aforesaid, in book 2, page 429, Records of Mines.
The presumed general course of direction of the said Morning Starlode or mineral deposit being shown upon the plat posted herewith, as near as can be determined from present develop-ments, this claim being for south 34 deg. 50 min. east 640 feet to corner No. 5, north 34 deg. 50 min. west 199 feet, thence north 41 deg. 20 min. west 492 feet from discovery shaft, total 1331 linear feet thereof, together with the surface ground shown upon the official plat posted herewith, the said vein, lode and mining premises hereby sought to be patented being bounded as follows to-wit: On the north by survey No. 354 Mammoth lode and survey No. 861 New York lode; on the east by survey 1056 Little New York lode and survey No. 1347 Virginia lode, all claimed by Copper Queen Consolidated Mining company; on the south by survey No. 1026 Hardscrable lode, the South Bisbee Mining and Development company claimant; on the west by the Del Norte lode claim, unsurveyed; Tom Higgins claimant; the Galena lode claim, unsurveyed, the Lowell & Arizona claimant; and the Black Jack lode, unsurveyed, the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining company and W. M. Kendall claimant. The said claim

1331 in the official plat posted herewith. Any and all persons claiming adversely the mining ground, vein, lode, mining claim or surface ground are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Tucson, in the Territory of Arizona, during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of

being designated as mineral survey No.

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Cochise county, at Tombstone, in the county and Territory aforesaid, in book 6, page 606, Record of Mines. The presumed general course or direction of the said Sweepstake vein, lode or mineral deposit being shown upon the plat posted herewith as near as can be determined from present developments, this claim being for north 37 deg. 26 min. west 1442 feet, and south 37 deg. 26 min. east 58 feet from discovery ance of the United States mining laws shaft, total 1500 linear feet thereof, tothe Copper Queen Consolidated Min- gether with the surface ground shown ing company, a corporation organized upon the official plat posted herewith, under the laws of the state of New the said vein, lode and mining prem-

> Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said iode, min-ing claim or surface ground are re-quired to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Tucson, in the Territory of Arizona, during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of

the statute.
MILTON R. MOORE, Register.
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## MINING APPLICATION NO. 723

Survey No. 1476. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Tucson, Arizona, August 29, 1900. Notice is hereby given that M. J. Brophy and E. B. Mason, whose post office address is Bisbee, Cochise coun-1000 linear feet of the Sorrel Horse lode, mine or vein, bearing copper and other metals, with surface ground 322.20 feet in width, situated in Warren mining district, county of Cochise and Territory of Arizona, and designated by the field notes and official plat on file in this office as survey number 1476, approximately in township No. 23 south, range 24 east (unsurveyed), of Gila and Salt River Base and Merid-

ian, said survey No. 1476 being as fol-

lows: Beginning at cor. No. 1, the nw. cor., a pine post scribed 1-1476-S.H.L., whence original location, identical with cor. No. 1 Oaklahoma lode, survey No. 1398, and with the se. and sw. corners of the unsurveyed Steuben and Comet claims respectively, bears n. 0 deg. 45 min. w. 9.58 feet, and U. S. Mineral Monument No. 4 bears n. 49 deg. 11 min. 30 sec. w. 5584 feet; thence n. 56 deg. 52 min. 30 sec.-e. 2.75 feet to cor. No. 2, the ne. cor., a pine post scribed 2-1476-3.H.L., whence original location bears n 16 deg. 44 min. w. 8.43 feet; thence s 16 deg. 44 min. e. 979.77 feet to cor. No. 3, the se. cor., identical with location and with sw. cor. unsurveyed Pay Day claim, a pine post scribed 3-476-S.H.L.; thence s. 56 deg. 52 min. 30 sec. w. 221 feet to original location for s. end center 322.2 feet, same bear ng to cor. No. 4, the sw. cor. identical with location and on the line 2-3 Oaklahoma lode survey No. 1398 at n. 0 deg. 45 min. w. 297.40 feet from cor. No. 1; thence n. 0 deg. 45 min. w. to e. side center Oaklahoma lode survey No. 1398 412.60 feet, 1113.02- feet, same bearing to cor. No. 1, the place

of beginning. Magnetic variation 11 deg. 45 min. containing 3.505 acres The location of this mine is recorded in the Recorder's office of Deeds, page 370, in book 14 Record of Mines of Co chise county at Tombstone, in the

county and territory aforesaid The adjoining claimants are: On the north Steuben and Comet, Granville owner; on east Pay Day, Granville owner; on the south New Era and Cochise, Mathias and Strong owners; on caused by the delivery. A Pennsylvania the west Oaklahoma No. 1398, Thomas Higgins, owner.

Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said Sorrel Horse lode, mine or surface ground are required to file their adverse claims effect that, on an average, every farmer with the Register of the United States not served by rural free delivery goes and Office at Tucson, in the Territory at least once or twice a week to the of Arizona, during the sixty days' pe- nearest post office for his mail, and riod of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions

of the statute MILTON R. MOORE, Register. First publication Sept. 1, 1900. Last publication Oct. 31, 1900.

#### Forfeiture Notice.

TO William Evans, your heirs or assigns:
You are hereby notified that one hundred dollars was expended in labor and improvements upon the Night Hawk Lode in order to hold the said premises under the provisions of Section 2324, Revised Statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the same for the year ending December 31, 1899, and if within ninety days after this publication you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as a co-owner your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under said Section 2324.

HARRY H. McMANN.

First publication Sept. 12, 1900.

### RURAL FREE MAILS.

Its Establishment and Growth in the Post Office Department.

The System So Recently Introduced Has Proven to Be Successful-Has Been a Great Help to Country Ruads.

As recently as 1893 the postmaster general reported to congress that the introduction of any system of rural free delivery of letters and papers would be impracticable as involving an expenditure of \$20,000,000 a year without any commensurate revenue. In his annual report for 1894 Postmaster General Bissell declined to spend the appropriation of \$10,000 made by congress to test the feasibility of rural free delivery. When congress increased the appropriation for a test to \$20,000 in 1895, Postmaster General Wilson adopted the opinion of his predecessor and of the house committee on the post office and post roads that the plan of establishing rural free delivery was wholly impracticable. He added that he had assumed control of the department too late in the fiscal year to take any action under the appropriation, but should congress see fit to make it available for the current year he would carry out the experiment ordered by the best methods he could de-

Congress made \$40,000 available for the purpose, and in 1896 Postmaster General Wilson put the idea to its first test. The experiment was entirely successful, and since then the system of rural free delivery has been so generally extended that it now includes 383 distributing points in 41 of the 45 states, the exceptions being Idaho. Montana, Mississippi and Wyoming. By degrees the appropriation has been increased from \$20,000 to \$150,000, and it is \$300,000 for this year.

At the head of the states served by rural free delivery is Ohio, the most favored state, with 49 routes, Indiana having 44 and Iowa 23. The development of the system, however, has for topographical reasons been very irregular. Thus, in Texas there are only two rural free delivery routes, while in South Carolina there are 21. In Washington there is one only, while in California there are 14, and in Louisiana, Alabama and Florida there are three routes only, while in Maine there are

In the opinion of the post office authorities, however, the present system is only in its incipiency and among the plans in view for its further extension is one for rural free delivery of mail by electric cars. Some farmers and other residents of the northeastern part of Massachusetts and the adjoining New Hampshire territory have taken steps in this matter, the idea having occurred to them a few weeks ago, when they first received an electric car service in place of the stage coach which formerly ran between Exeter and Ames-

The free delivery of letters in cities was inaugurated by the post office department in 1863, when the whole number of letter carriers in the United States, now 15,000, was less than 700. It did not increase materially until 1880, when the number of cities and towns having free delivery of letters had risen to 104. Ten years later, in 1890, there were 519, and the number is now 745. There were by the last federal census 713 cities or towns in the United States having a population in excess of 5,000, and practically all these places and a few others besides have

now free delivery of letters by carriers. One remarkable and salutary effect of the extension of the rural free delivery system has been the great improvement it has brought about in country roads. The extension of the system being optional with the government, the plan has been adopted of favoring those regions in which the roads are best. and as a consequence there has been a general improvement in the condition of roads traversed by rural carriers. This has been especially the case in in the west, and it accounts for the apparent preference accorded to Ohio and Indiana, in which states the construction of good roads has been a prerequisite to the establishment of a rural free delivery service. In one county of Indiana the farmers incurred an expense of \$2,600 to grade and improve a road in order to obtain free de-

livery.

The traditional policy of the post office department is constantly to extend its operation, taking, irrespective of the volume of revenue derived, no steps backward, and it has been found generally that as the expenses increase the revenues increase correspondingly. Thus, where rural free delivery has been established, the number of letters written and the number of letters received have increased and in some cases to an extent sufficiently large to make up for the additional outlay farmer made recently a computation which other farmers have approved, and the post office department has thought worthy of publication, to the occupies one-third of a working day on the trip. Putting the value of the time thus lost in the busy farming season at 50 cents a head, the total loss would run up to many million dollars. It has been found generally that while congress is reluctant to authorize some postal expenditures, the popularity of rural free delivery among farmers is such as to make probable a further increase in the appropriation next year.

Wasted. Husband-Darling, were you frightened by the earthquake to-day? I was in great distress at not being able to

Wife-No, you silly. I didn't feel it. I was trying on my new frock .-N. Y. World.